# SURFACE WATER SAMPLING FOR SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



## **Presentation Agenda**

- Map Direct Tool:
   O How to access.
- Waterbody Classes:
   Class Types.
  - $\circ$  Sample parameters.
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan:

   Sampling purpose.



## HOW TO USE MAP DIRECT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION





# WATERBODY CLASS TYPES OVERVIEW FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## Class Types: Rule 62-302.400(1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.):

- Class I: Potable Water Supplies.
- Class I Treated: Treated Potable Water Supplies.
- Class II: Shellfish Propagation or Harvesting.
- Class III: Fish Consumption and Maintenance.
- Class III Limited: Limited Recreation.
- Class IV: Agricultural Water Supplies.
- Class V: Navigation, Utility and Industrial Use.

**Parameters:** Rule 62-302, F.A.C., lists 71 parameters, there are three parameters that are typically sampled for following a sanitary sewer overflow:

- Fecal Coliforms.
- Escherichia coli (E. coli).
- Enterococci (Entero).

Units: The parameters above are typically reported in Most Probable Number per 100 mL.



# WATERBODY CLASS I AND CLASS I – TREATED FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



## 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class I:

• A body of water used as a potable water supplies.

## 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class I – Treated:

• A treated body of water used as a potable water supplies.

### **Class I Example:**

 Horse Creek – From the northern border of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 23 East and southward to Peace River.

## **Class I – Treated Example:**

 Peace River Segment – From the confluence with Horse Creek southward to the southern line of Section 15, Township 39 South and Range 23 East.

### **Minimum Sampling Parameters:**

• Escherichia coli (E. coli).



# WATERBODY CLASS II FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class II:

• A body of water used for shellfish propagation or harvesting.

### **Class II – Treated Example:**

 From the opening of the Matlacha Pass to meeting with the San Carlos Bay within Charlotte Bay in between Pine Island and Cape Coral.

### **Minimum Sampling Parameters:**

- Fecal Coliforms.
- Enterococci (Entero).





# WATERBODY CLASS III AND CLASS III - LIMITED FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION







# Why only test for *Enterococci* (*Entero*) and not *E. coli* in salt water?

• E. coli dies in salt water.

#### 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class III:

 A body of water used for fish consumption, recreation, propagation and maintenance of a healthy, well-balanced population of fish and wildlife.

### 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class III - Limited:

• A body of water used for fish consumption, recreation or limited recreation; and/or propagation and maintenance of a limited population of fish and wildlife.

#### **Class III – Limited Example:**

• Parts of the Caloosahatchee River between W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam to the Lee and Hendry boundary line.

#### **Minimum Sampling Parameters:**

- Predominantly fresh water Escherichia a coli (E. coli).
- Predominantly salt water Enterococci (Entero).

**Predominantly Fresh Waters and Predominantly Marine Waters.** 



# WATERBODY CLASS IV AND CLASS V FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

#### 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class IV:

- A body of water used for agricultural water supplies. 62-302.400 F.A.C. definition of a Class V:
- A body of water used for navigation, utility and industrial use. Class IV and V Example:
- Class IV Generally located in areas around Lake Okeechobee.
- Class V There are currently not any designed Class V bodies of water in the state.

#### **Minimum Sampling Parameters for both Class IV:**

 If you spill in a Class IV waterbody, you may sample at your discretion, provided it is documented in your Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan (SSORP)/Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The discussed minimum bacteriological parameters in this presentation are not relevant to Rule 62-302, F.A.C., but to spill in those waters may be considered an illicit discharge.





# **SSORP AND SAMPLING** FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

#### **Operations and Maintenance:**

- A facility should prepare themselves by having a plan for sanitary sewer overflows that reach surface waters.
  - Surface water sampling questions to ask:
    - Do you have a plan to sample impacted surface water?
    - $\circ$  What is you sampling frequency?
    - Did you sample upstream and downstream and point of discharge?
    - o Is the lab you use available on nights, weekends and holidays?
    - Are you able to preserve the sample in case of an emergency?
    - Do you have a public notice of pollution template to fill out afterwards?

SSORP are also known as an ERP.

#### Example for why to sample:

- To determine if the environmental harm is a direct result of the spill that has occurred.
- To verify that the water quality is at or below the background sample or water quality limit.

#### Florida Statue 403.121(4)(d) states:

• DEP may impose fines should the facility fail to properly implement its SSORP/ERP.



# **THANK YOU**

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